



East Fallowfield Historical Commission

Approved Meeting Minutes

August 6, 2014

I. Call to Order

- Meeting called to order at 6:39pm

II. Meeting attendance

- Joe McCormick, Garth Monaghan, Sue Monaghan, Buddy Rhoades, Fred Bissinger, and Lee Schlingmann present. Arthur DeLeo absent. Quorum met.

III. Review of minutes of prior meeting

- Unanimous vote to adopt minutes of July 2, 2014 meeting as “approved” with corrections.

IV. Discussion – Open Issues

- **Mortonville Bridge** –potential for additional work to change the façade of interior side of concrete “jersey barrier” walls to be more in keeping with original appearance.
 - i. No additional update
 - **Frog Hollow Bridge (Speakman’s No. 1 Covered Bridge)** – construction scheduled to commence later this year.
 - i. Physical work on the bridge has not commenced as of this date, last estimate was early fall of 2014 to get started.
 - **Historic Resource Map and Windshield Survey** – modifications to the Windshield Survey are needed.
 - i. Garth Monaghan stated that he believed that Sue Monaghan had located a copy of the disc which could be used for updates.
 - **Website Additions** – HC plans to enhance the Township website appeal by adding photos and other information pertaining to the Township’s historic resources. Lee Schlingmann has digitized and enhanced photos provided by Buddy Rhoades for posting to Township website.
 - i. The HC has been advised to propose the website modifications to the Board of Supervisors for approval
 - ii. Website coordinator is able to upload pictures, there is probably a nominal charge for the service, HC budget can accommodate costs.
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V. Discussion - New Business

- **105 Mink Hollow Road** – property owner Alexis Vaughan appeared before the HC and presented preliminary plans for an addition to her house and photographs of the existing house and property.
 - i. The property was determined to be a Class II historic resource included in the Township inventory.
 - ii. Owner presented preliminary plans and sketches for an addition to the rear of the existing house. Explained that she had submitted information to Rob McLarnon who had directed her to the Historical Commission for a preliminary review.
 - iii. Owner stated that she had been told Rob McLarnon that she should have a professional architect review her plans and provide buildable construction documents for review.
 - iv. HC found no specific objections to the remodeling/renovation plan as presented, but asked the owner to resubmit the finalized plans for HC review and comment prior to issuance of a building permit.
 - v. Joe McCormick to forward a memo to Rob McLarnon advising him of the HC deliberations.
 - **505 Mortonville Road** – owner Rick Rasmussen appeared before the Commission to discuss proposed renovations and repairs to the property known as “Marty’s Pub” at the request of Rob McLarnon.
 - I. Pictures of the structure were presented to indicate the present condition of the property and specific locations of concern.
 - II. Mr. Rasmussen proposed to demolish certain portions of the building and remove some electrical appurtenances for safety reasons. Continued deterioration of the structure may result in safety issues as well as irreparable damage to the structure.
 - III. Mr. Rasmussen stated he may entertain selling the property but did not plan any renovations other than the safety concerns mentioned at this time.
 - IV. The Commission found that the repairs and minor demolition suggested is prudent, and would notify Rob McLarnon of this decision.
 - **2960 Strasburg Road** – A Parkesburg resident, Clarence Swartzentruber, appeared before the Commission to inquire about the property.
 - i. Mr. Swartzentruber stated that he had been the low bidder at the recent auction for the property, however his bid was not accepted, and he had not purchased the property.
 - ii. Mr. Swartzentruber inquired as to whether or not the property was of any historic significance. He had been told the property had no historic significance. The property is listed as a Class II Historic Resource and is included in the Township Survey. The
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property is identified as the "Mt. Carmel School" on the resource inventory, a one-room school house.

iii. Mr. Swartzentruber was provided with a copy of the Township "Windshield Survey" listing the historic resources within the Township for his use.

- **2015 Historical Commission Budget** – the Commission voted unanimously to maintain the proposed budget for 2015 at the present level of \$750.00.
- **Electronic Storage of Historical Commission documents and records** – discussed the idea of scanning and preserving documents to electronic media to prevent loss or damage of the records. Will need further discussion to discuss the ways and means to accomplish this.

VI. **Adjourn Meeting** – meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe McCormick

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Historical Commission Chairman